



BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006 Cameron , Louisiana [22023]

Cameron is one of 64 counties in Louisiana. It is part of the [Lake Charles, LA \(MSA\)](#). Its 2006 population of 7,705 ranked 63rd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Cameron had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$23,961. This PCPI ranked 41st in the state and was 75 percent of the state average, \$31,821, and 65 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 359.5 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 27.8 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Cameron was \$15,615 and ranked 49th in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Cameron had a total personal income (TPI) of \$184,619*. This TPI ranked 62nd in the state and accounted for 0.1 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Cameron was \$145,767* and ranked 62nd in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 269.9 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 20.6 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 2.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.5 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Cameron. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 66.8 percent of TPI (compared with 66.7 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 12.7 percent (compared with 17.8 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 20.5 percent (compared with 15.5 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 67.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts decreased 65.3 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 2.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 1.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.3 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Cameron increased from \$94,315* in 2005 to \$151,536* in 2006, an increase of 60.7 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 11.1 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$133,420* to the 2006 estimate was 1.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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